

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" per side	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Members are advised that the House is no longer expected to consider H.R. 1528 – Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013 today. This is a change from the Republicans’ previously announced schedule.

H.R. 2218 – Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013 (Rep. McKinley – Energy and Commerce) (One Hour of Debate). H.R. 2218 would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating the disposal and management of coal combustion residuals (coal ash), instead creating a state-based permit program for the disposal of waste generated from coal combustion. The bill creates a federal program for the recognition of state-level permitting programs for the storage of coal combustion waste. The bill also limits the authority of the EPA to issue regulations or enforce standards regarding coal combustion waste, ensuring that local communities and waterways are protected from coal ash spills, unless states fail to implement their own permit program.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill would cost the federal government \$2 million over the FY 2014 to FY 2018 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. There is currently no offsetting reduction in programmatic authorization in the legislation.

The Rule, which was adopted yesterday, makes in order 3 amendments debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

- Rep. Connolly Amendment.** Requires states to develop an emergency action plan for responding to spills or leaks of coal ash.
- Rep. Waxman Amendment.** Requires that state coal ash permit programs protect human health and the environment.
- Rep. Tonko Amendment.** Requires the EPA Administrator to find a state coal ash permit program deficient if the implementation of the program threatens human health or the environment in any other state. Any state may request that the EPA Administrator review another state’s coal ash permit program for deficiency.

Bill Text for H.R. 2218:
[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 2218:
[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)
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The Daily Quote

“Warnings from the White House, Wall Street and the world economic community be damned: Debt ceiling drama is back. The rapidly approaching fight over lifting the nation’s borrowing limit won’t only pit Republicans against President Barack Obama but also pit Republicans against Republicans. One example of the GOP tension: Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and several other Senate Republicans are hoping to strike a large-scale fiscal deal with Democrats and the White House to reform entitlements, the Tax Code, fund the government and infrastructure projects, and most important, blunt sequester cuts. They met with White House chief of staff Denis McDonough again Tuesday. But Rep. Paul Ryan, who is taking a lead in crafting the House Republican debt plan, wants nothing to do with it. ‘It doesn’t matter — we’re not going to do what they want to do,’ the Wisconsin Republican told POLITICO when asked about Senate Republicans’ plan for the debt ceiling. ‘It really doesn’t matter what they do. It doesn’t matter what John McCain and others do on the taxes and the rest. If they want to give up taxes for the sequester, we’re not going to do that. So it doesn’t really affect us’... As if they were reading off cue cards, several leading House Republicans inside and outside leadership say there are loads of GOP lawmakers who are perfectly willing to gamble with default.”

- Politico, 7/23/13



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